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IMPEACHED ONCE AGAIN

McCarthy inches away — is it sign of a split?

By Joe Garofoli

ANALYSIS

Few Republicans know the GOP base better than House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy — which is why it was telling that the Bakersfield Republican started to distance himself from President Trump during Wednesday's impeachment of the president.

McCarthy, like nearly every House Republican, voted against impeachment. But he did so as he tiptoed away from Trump.

"He is trying to split the difference," said Darry Sragow, publisher of the nonpartisan California Target Book, which tracks state political races. "He's making a bet not just on today's vote, but on his future and how this will all turn out."

Terry Moe, a political science professor at Stanford University, added: "The Republican Party doesn't know where it's going yet."

McCarthy, who is so tight with Trump that the president refers to him as "my Kevin," barely defended the president during his House speech Wednesday. He said

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The House voted to impeach President Trump for a second time. This time, 10 House Republicans voted in favor of impeachment. The vote was for a single article of "incitement of insurrection" for his part in the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol.

WHAT'S NEXT

The Senate, currently led by Republicans and not set to reconvene until Jan. 19, will hold an impeachment trial and decide whether to convict the president. Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said the trial could begin "immediately" if an agreement can be reached with Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to reconvene the Senate for an emergency session. McConnell said in a statement that the trial would not begin before Tuesday, the day before Trump leaves office.

WHAT'S NEEDED

Two-thirds of senators present are needed to convict. If all were present, this would require 17 Republicans to side with the Democrats. Only one Republican voted to convict in the first impeachment vote.

WHAT IT MEANS

If convicted before leaving office Wednesday, Trump could be removed as president. If convicted after leaving office, a second vote could be held to prevent him from running in the future and to void his benefits, including his annual pension of more than $200,000 and annual $1 million in travel expenses.

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi signs an article of impeachment against President Trump, who was impeached a second time. Ten Republicans voted for impeachment this time.

'Incitement': 10 in GOP join historic House vote

By Lisa Mascaro, Mary Clare Jalonick, Jonathan Lemire and Alan Fram

WASHINGTON — President Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a historic second time Wednesday, charged with "incitement of insurrection" over the deadly mob siege of the Capitol in a swift and stunning collapse of his final days in office.

With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump. The proceedings moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol, egged on by the president's calls for them to "fight like hell" against the election results.

Ten Republicans fled Trump, joining Democrats who said he needed to be held accountable and warned ominously of a "clear and present danger" if Congress should leave him unchecked before Democrat Joe Biden's inauguration Jan. 20.

Trump is the only U.S.

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In Bay Area, few hearts pained over 'right step'

By Michael Cabanatuan, Steve Rubenstein, Lauren Hernandez and Nora Mishanec

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said it was heartbreaking to sign the article of impeachment against President Trump on Wednesday, but the Bay Area was anything but heartbroken by the action.

"He needs to go," said Jeff Coburn Sr., a retired Marine, in Walnut Creek. "He engaged in an insurrection against the U.S. government, and it actually happened."

"It's the right step in the right direction," said Elizabeth Santos of San Francisco, who was walking her dog, Roo, at Pine Lake Park. "Trump needs to be held accountable."

Throughout the Bay Area, it was tough to find anyone

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Swalwell among nine heading up Senate trial

By Tal Kopan

WASHINGTON — No American president had been impeached twice — until the House voted Wednesday to seek Donald Trump's removal from office for the second time in 13 months. That means Democrats, including Rep. Eric Swalwell, also have an unprecedented second opportunity to try to convict him.

The East Bay Democrat will be one of the nine House impeachment managers when Trump is tried in the Senate on grounds of inciting an insurrection. The group was named by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, and will be led by Maryland Democratic Rep. Jamie Raskin, a constitutional law professor.

Trump was impeached Wednesday by a vote of 232-197, with 10 Republicans join-

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